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ARMY BIRTHDAY REMARKS

RETREAT CEREMONY

14 June 1974

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From that day to this, the record of heroic, selfless deeds compiled by the simple soldier no less than the legendary general provides us with a life history of this institution which has been one of the greatest single factors in the building of this nation. The United States Army.

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Speaking on behalf of all of your associates at the Naval War College I congratulate you and the Army on your 199th birthday. With the exception of next November in Philadelphia, may I wish you all the very best of luck.

14 JUNE 1974

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1645-1700 Band plays appropriate music. Guests arrive and are seated. Participants take positions.

1700-1730 Band sounds "Attention".

C.O. of Troops commands ATTENTION.

Band sounds "Adjutant's Call".

* Color Guard marches onto Dewey Field to positions facing the formation of Troops.

C.O. of Troops commands PRESENT ARMS, ORDER ARMS, and POST THE COLORS. Color Guard moves to position in the formation.

C.O. of Troops commands PARADE REST.

C.O. of Troops commands ATTENTION.

Principal Speaker arrives and takes position at the reviewing stand.

C.O. of Troops commands PRESENT ARMS.

* HONORS: Band plays "Ruffles and Flourishes" and the "Flag Officers March".

C.O. of Troops commands ORDER ARMS and PARADE REST.

Remarks by Colonel Jackley, Senior Army Advisor.

Remarks by Admiral Turner.

Band plays "Retreat".

C.O. of Troops commands ATTENTION and PRESENT ARMS.

* Band plays the National Anthem. Flag is lowered.

* 21-Gun Salute fired by the Newport Artillery Company.

C.O. of Troops commands ORDER ARMS.

Dismissal of units by Colonel Jackley.

1730-1740 Participants and guests walk to Commissioned Officers' Mess.

1745-1845 Pre-dinner cocktails.

1900-2000 Dinner.

2000-2010 Remarks by Colonel Jackley. Presentation of Baby Cups.

2010-2025 Address by BG Collins.

2025-2040 Pageant of the Army Flag.

2040-2050 Army Student Glee Club presentation.

2050- Army Birthday formal ceremonies completed. Club and Army Band will be available for dancing for all participants and their guests.

NOTES:

1. "*" Guests are requested to stand.
2. Parking available at Commissioned Officers' Mess parking lot.
3. In event of inclement weather, outside ceremonies will be cancelled. Proceed directly to the Officers' Mess at 1700 hours.
4. Seating chart for the dinner will be at the entrance to the ballroom.

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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28 May 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Military and Civilian Faculty

SUBJECT: 199th Anniversary - U.S. Army Birthday

1. The annual Army Birthday celebration is scheduled for 14 June 1974. A ceremony will be held on Dewey Field (near flagpole and brass cannons) at 1700 hours. The Ft. Devens Army Band will play, starting at 1645. This will be followed by a short address and a retreat ceremony to include the Rogers High School ROTC Color Guard and a cannon salute fired by the Newport Artillery Company. After the ceremony there will be a cocktail hour and dinner at the Officers' Club. At the dinner there will be an address by BG Collins, Historian of the Army, and a pageant portraying the history of the battle streamers on the Army flag. The Club will be open for the remainder of the evening for your dancing pleasure. You are encouraged to invite as many personal guests as you desire.
2. Uniform: Service Dress White/Business Suit.
3. Dinner cost: \$6.25 per person attending. Checks should be made out to COM(O) and forwarded to LTC Gallup (C-318) prior to 7 June.

E. L. Gallup
E. L. GALLUP

TO: LTC E. L. Gallup
Connelly 318

FROM: _____

17 I will attend the Army Birthday celebration. Total persons: _____

(signed)

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